fo•cus (fō´kəs): a center of interest and activity Nov./Dec., 1993

Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

Sunday Concerts & Conversations

Concerts and Conversations premiered in September with a regular Sunday schedule of free music programs at 2:00pm in the Baxter Room. So far we've heard jazz, big band, a guitar ensemble, trombone quintet, marimba music, two Lyric Opera profiles and a lecture on the works of Mozart and Haydn. Join us in November as the Library continues this series with The DePaul Chamber Winds, singer songwriter Michael Smith and a Lyric Opera profile of ***Die Walküre.*** **The DePaul Chamber Winds,** conducted by Dr. Don DeRoche, has toured all over the world playing premiere pieces by creative new artists. **Michael Smith** composed the music for Steppenwolf Theatre's award winning production of *The Grapes of Wrath* and has been a featured performer on radio and TV in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom. December's programs feature the **Christ Church Bell Ringers Ensemble** and a Lyric Opera profile of ***Il Trovatore***. Because of the holidays there will be no concerts on Nov. 28, Dec. 19 and Dec. 26.

Authors & Readers Together - at the Library

This Wednesday night series started in September, with Ed Zotti discussing his book *Know It All! The Fun Stuff You Never Learned in School.* October's author Paula Payne Hardin highlighted her book *What are You Doing with the Rest of Your Life? Choices in Midlife.* Authors and Readers Together will continue this once-a-month opportunity to meet and talk with authors when the Library presents **Barbara Gregorich** on Wed. November 17. Gregorich's book, ***Women at Play: The Story of Women in Baseball,*** documents the history of women in baseball, from the "bloomer teams" of the 1890s to 1930s through the All-American Girls Baseball League, the subject of the film *A League of Their Own.* On Dec. 15, Northwestern professor of Human Development, **Dan McAdams** will discuss how we shape our sense of self when he talks about his latest book ***The Stories We Live By: Personal Myths and the Making of the Self.*** Hear some stories from the past and create some for the future, this Fall at the Library.

Celebrate Kwanzaa with Shanta

Enjoy this African-American celebration of kinship, gathering and reunion on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2:00. Kwanzaa honors the harvest customs of Africa and the cultural and social history of African Americans. Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 - January 1 with a kinara or "holder of the flame" representing the seven Kwanzaa principles of life: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Performer and storyteller Shanta will share a rendition of Kwanzaa and describe the history and importance of this holiday.

Get a Make-Over for the Holidays

Barbara Muench of Mary Kay Cosmetics will offer a free seminar on health and beauty, Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:00pm. One member of the audience will be selected for a personal beauty treatment. Everyone will get useful tips on skin care, and various make-up techniques for daywear as well as a more dramatic, glamorous evening look .

Storyteller Shanta presents a Kwanzaa program at the Library on December 11.

The Library will be closed:

Thurs., **Nov. 25**, Thanksgiving

Fri., **Dec. 3**, Staff Dev. Day

Fri.-Sun.,**Dec. 24-26 ,** Christmas,

Fri., **Dec 31**, ***open 9-5***

Sat.-Sun, **Jan. 1-2** New Year's

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Friday 9 - 6
Saturday 9 - 5
Sunday (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

November

11/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/3	We	7:00	Understanding Your Investments
11/4	Th	7:00	Make-Over Magic
11/7	Su	2:00	DePaul Chamber Winds
11/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
11/12	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
11/14	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Profile: *Die Walküre*
11/15	Mo	2:30 & 7:30	Feature Film: *Sleepless in Seattle*
11/16	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/17	We	7:00	Authors & Readers Together: Barbara Gregorich
11/21	Su	2:00	Singer-songwriter Michael Smith
11/23	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/25	Th		Thanksgiving - Library closed
11/26	Fr	10:00 & 2:00	Children's Feature Film: *Homeward Bound*
11/30	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

December

12/5	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Profile: *Il Trovatore*
12/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
12/10	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
12/11	Sa	2:00	Kwanzaa celebration by storyteller - Shanta
12/12	Su	2:00	Christ Church Bell Ringers Ensemble
12/13	Mo	2:30 & 7:30	Feature Film: *The Firm*
12/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/15	We	7:00	Authors & Readers Together: Dan McAdams
12/16	Th	7:00	Medicare Preview
12/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/24 - 12/26			Library closed for Christmas Holiday
12/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/31	Fr		New Year's Eve — Library closes at 5:00
1/1	Sa		New Years Day — Library closed
1/2	Su		Library closed

Special Events

November

How to Research and Understand Your Investments - For this month's financial program, Lisa Palmer, certified financial planner with Merrill Lynch, will talk about how to use Library resources to better understand your investments. **Wed. 11/3 7:00pm**

Make-over Magic - health and beauty seminar presented by Barbara Muench of Mary Kay Cosmetics. One audience member will be selected for a personal facial, skin analysis and make-over. **Thur. 11/4 7:00pm**

DePaul Chamber Winds conducted by Don DeRoche,will play at the Library's Sunday concert series. **Sun. 11/7 2:00pm**

Lyric Opera , *Die Walküre* - The Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera will profile this *Ring* series opera by Richard Wagner . **Sun. 11/14 2:00pm**

Feature Film - *Sleepless in Seattle* PG, (100 min.) Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks star in this humorous romance. **Mon. 11/15 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

Authors & Readers Together - Our monthly author program features **Barbara Gregorich** as the November speaker to discuss her book, ***Women at Play: The Story of Women in Baseball.*** Barbara Gregorich spent years researching the "bloomer teams" that barnstormed the country playing against men's teams from the 1890s - 1930s. Learn which woman baseball player struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. **Wed. 11/17 7:00pm ***

Singer, songwriter Michael Smith will perform his acoustic guitar music at the Library's Sunday concert series. Michael Smith's songs have been performed and recorded by dozens of artists in the folk, country and pop music genres. **Sun. 11/21 2:00pm**

December

Celebrate Kwanzaa with Shanta - Join in this African-American celebration of family, culture, history and creativity with storyteller Shanta. **Sat. 12/11 2:00pm**

Christ Church Bell Ringers Ensemble - This holiday program of elegantly dressed musicians will give a bell ringing performance and provide information and background on the various bells as well as the history of bell ringing. **Sun. 12/12 2:00pm.**

Feature Film - *The Firm* Rated - R (154 min.) Tom Cruise stars in this thriller based on John Grisham's best selling book. **Mon. 12/13 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

Authors & Readers Together - Northwestern professor of Human Development, **Dan McAdams** will discuss his latest book ***The Stories We Live By: Personal Myths and the Making of the Self***. Other books by Dan McAdams include, *Intimacy: the Need to be Close,* and *The Person: An Introduction to Personality Psychology.* **Wed. 12/15 7:00pm ***

Windows to the Future - a Medicare Preview of financial techniques and assets preservation for mature adults looking to maximize their income and minimize their taxes; presented by Pat Lamb of Developmental Specialists. **Thur. 12/16 7:00pm**

*** Copies of the author's book will be available for purchase at each Authors and Readers Together program.**

Programs

Feature films

November: *Sleepless in Seattle.* Meg Ryan falls for Tom Hanks, a man she knows only as a voice heard on a radio phone-in talk show. Rated PG - (100 min.) **Mon. 11/15 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

December: *The Firm*
Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, Ed Harris, Holly Hunter and Gary Busey star in this legal thriller based on John Grisham's best selling book, *The Firm.* Rated R (154 min.) **Mon. 12/13 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30am the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

Baxter Room Art Exhibit

November - photographs by Rosh Kagan of the people and places of Israel.

December - Al Glienke's landscape, wildlife and architectural photographs from around the world.

New Book Showcase

Join us at 10:00am the second Friday of each month for a review of nail-biting mysteries, provocative essays, inspiring biographies and future best sellers. Enjoy the coffee and conversations while we preview the latest Library acquisitions. **Fri., Nov. 12 and Fri., Dec. 10.**

All Library programs are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 965-4220.

Staff Circulations

We lose one, we gain one. On October 21, after 32 years of dedicated service, Stasia Emmett, Adult Services Department Information Assistant, retired from the Morton Grove Public Library. Ms. Emmett began working at the Library in September 1961, and has witnessed the many changes technology has brought to the Library, as well as several major building transformations since the original building opened in 1952. During her 32 years at the Library, Ms. Emmett has served 4 different Library Directors, worked with hundreds of fellow staff members, and assisted over two generations of Library users, first at the Circulation Desk, and for the last twelve years at the Readers' Service Desk. Many people have come and gone, but Stasia Emmett has been a mainstay of the Library. She will be missed by the staff and patrons of the Morton Grove Public Library.

Lesley Williams joined the Library's staff on October 25 as Reference Coordinator. Ms. Williams most recently has been a Reference Librarian and Supervisor of the Skokie Accessible Library Services program at the Skokie Public Library. A French major at Grinnell College, Ms. Williams received her library degree from the University of Michigan. Her background includes valuable reference experience from Lake Forest College Library, the University of Michigan, and the Chicago Public Library. Welcome!

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Kids Programs

The Winter session of children's classes will begin **January 3**; registration will start **Dec. 13** for Morton Grove residents, and **Dec. 20** for non-residents.

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit - 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2 Monday	7:00pm

Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3	Monday	4:00 pm
Grades 4-6	Friday	4:00 pm

Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Creative Writing

Grades 2-6	Wed.	4:00 pm
or	Thurs.	4:00 pm

Class limit - 40

Dinosaur Derby

The Dinosaur Derby reading program will begin on Nov. 15 in conjunction with Children's Book Week. Readers in grades 1-6 may come in and join a team of students from their school to compete for points and prizes by reading books. Those who register before the end of November will have the opportunity to enter a special raffle.

Feature Film: *Homeward Bound*

This popular children's film, based on Sheila Burnford's book, *The Incredible Journey*, tracks three domesticated pets as they journey through the wilderness to home. **Friday, Nov. 26, 10:00 & 2:00.**

No New Tax Forms

The Morton Grove Public Library will no longer carry Illinois Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service tax forms. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the following offices:

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Dr.
Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(800) 829-1040
(River Dr. is off of Lehigh, just north of Oakton.)

Illinois Department of Revenue
9511 West Harrison Ave.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(312) 814-5232 or
(800) 624-2459

Library Patron of the Month

September: Jennifer Cohen

"The Library has lead me to the other side of the road. A road where my horizons are broadened and my imagination is stretched to its limits."

Business CD-ROMs now available

The Morton Grove Public Library's Reference Department has expanded its collection of CD-ROM databases to include Infotrac's *General BusinessFile Select* and *Business ASAP Select*. These two discs work together to provide a single reference tool covering business, management and company information in over 240 business, management and trade journals, plus *The Wall Street Journal*. Also included is a business directory listing over 70,000 private and public companies and including analysts' reports and forecasts. Using these two databases, you can find information on virtually any aspect of the business world, such as: information on specific companies to maximize employment opportunities; current information on new technologies and products; details of the latest management theories; and the current financial status of a company or industry. In many cases, once relevant articles have been located in the index there's no need to actually locate the magazine on the shelves because the full text of articles in over 100 of the indexed journals is included in the index, and can either be read on the screen or printed out.

The business CD-ROMs join the Library's other InfoTrac CD-ROM indexes, *Magazine Index Plus* and *Health Reference Center*. *Magazine Index Plus* provides indexing for over 400 of the most popular magazines covering a wide range of subjects, while *Health Reference Center* provides abstracts or full text of articles from over 150 health and medical journals as well as five medical reference books. All of the InfoTrac databases are available for patron use in the Reference Department, or feel free to ask the Reference Librarian for assistance.

Library Closing Alert

The Library will be closed **Friday, December 3** for staff development, enabling staff members to improve their skills and provide better service to Library users.

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